

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Mike Pence offered the following statement for the record in the U.S. House of Representatives regarding Breast Cancer Awareness month:

"Mr. Speaker,

"As National Breast Cancer Awareness Month draws to a close, I rise today to express my support for those engaged in the ongoing fight against the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women in the United States.

"More than one in four cancers in women are breast cancer, and more than 250,000 cases of breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in American women this year. In my home state of Indiana, more than 4,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year alone.

"We can all do our part in reducing the incidence of breast cancer by talking with our family, friends, and loved ones about individual risk factors, prevention, and early detection. A combination of monthly breast exams, yearly clinical breast exams, and regular mammograms is the best way to detect breast cancer in its earliest and most treatable stages.

"Mammograms are a particularly important weapon in the fight against breast cancer. Breast cancer is often detected in its earliest stage as an abnormality on a mammogram before it can be felt by a woman or by her health care provider.

"I would also like to express my sincere admiration of the 2.5 million breast cancer survivors in this country who have exhibited tremendous courage and vigilance in their personal fight against this disease. Our mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, and loved ones afflicted with this disease deserve all our support and respect in their heroic battles as we strive to find the cure."

